

The Holobiont/Hologenome Concept Series

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Over the past 2 years, we have made a concerted effort to expand the number and scope of minireviews published in *mBio* in order to help readers keep track of developments across the breadth of microbiology. In our conversations exploring potential subjects for minireviews, a topic emerged—the holobiont/hologenome concept—that was relevant to so many areas and of such high current interest that we decided it might serve as the basis for a collection of minireviews. The ensemble of articles

comprising the current series is the result. We are grateful to the many authors who contributed manuscripts and to Margaret McFall-Ngai, who wrote the excellent introduction to the collection. This *mBio* series will certainly elicit vigorous discussion of what has become a topic of some controversy, and we invite discussants to submit their views in letters to the editor in *mBio*. We also invite suggestions of other topics of broad interest that might serve as the basis for additional collections of minireviews in *mBio*.

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